

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 10:30 a.m. Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by the Chairman.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs, and Walker.

Members absent/excused: Representative Brandenburg.

Representative Vagnozzi moved that all absent members be excused. Representative Acciavatti supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Lahti moved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on September 25, 2007, September 27, 2007 and October 24, 2007. Representative Caswell supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry introduced Senator Pappageorge to the committee for a presentation on the budget process.

Chairman Cushingberry laid SB 925 before the committee:

SB 925 (Jelinek) State financing and management; funds; method of accounting for certain funds; modify.

Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, answered questions of the members.

Representative Cheeks moved to report SB 925 with recommendation.

Representative Sak supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza,

Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, Nofs, and Walker.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency, for a report on estimated lapse amounts for 2006-07.

The following House Fiscal Agency Staff answered questions of the members:

Bob Schneider

Kyle Jen

Jan Wisniewski

Chairman Cushingberry offered closing remarks. He tentatively announced the next meeting of the committee for January 16, 2008. He made comments urging members to venture out into the community to see how tax dollars are being implemented and see what's going on. He also offered a farewell to his legislative liaison Adrian Hemond.

There being no further business before the committee, seeing no objection the committee adjourned the time being 12:10 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994